



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: **1796**  
Jeff Miller, et al. §  
Serial No.: **10/656,684** § Confirmation No.: **8556**  
Filed: **September 5, 2003** § Examiner: **KUGEL, TIMOTHY J.**  
Title: **"Drilling Fluid and** § Atty. Docket No.: HALB:045  
**Method for Enhanced Suspension"** §

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 27, 2008. Please amend the application as indicated below:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 12 of this paper.
- **Affidavit of Ian Robb** is attached hereto.

An extension of time is not needed for this response and but a fee is believed due for the amendment to the claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge  
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Please amend the application as follows: